

I originally planned to study Caticugan only, but [2]
I soon realized that the sitios Naga, Dangola and Talo-ot
had to be included. Talo-ot was for all purposes part of
Caticugan while Dangola was located on a bluff overlooking
the barrio. The houses of Naga were built on a stretch
of level ground between Caticugan and the Mantuyop River.
Residents of Caticugan had land and relatives in these
three sitios and the people mingled daily.

Three trips, varying from two to four days each,
were made to the northernmost communities in the Siaton
River valley, including Balanan, Casala-an, Dolog,
Apoloy and Comon (Goshen). When the rainy season began
visits to these northern barrios became almost impos-
sible because of flood levels in the river. Many one or
two-day trips were also made to the various barrios in
other parts of Siaton municipality. Once a month a two-
day visit was made to Dumaguete to discuss certain prob- [22]
lems with the provincial officials and to obtain supplies
not available in the poblacion.

I made a four-day trip from Siaton to Tolong
poblacion in order to see the coastal region of southern
Negros. During the final month I travelled for two weeks
in Negros Occidental province, going as far south as
Kabankalan. During this journey I stopped at various
poblacions in both the provinces. The purposes of these
trips were to see the relation of Caticugan and Siaton
municipality, to the island as a whole, and to gather
additional data.